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FOUR SENTORS PLAY LAST GAME SATURDAY

When the Loyola Warriors take to the ice on Saturday, February 27, at 2:00 P.M. to oppose Bishop's University Gaiters in the regular season finale, it will mark the last home ice appearance of four seniors who have contributed so much to the team's success over the years.

Cartain and All-Star centre Chris Hayes (Chareau, P.O.), All-Star defenceman, Bill Doyle (Richmond, P.O.), centre John Hutton (Montreal, P.O.), and right wing Mike Thomassin (Dollard, P.O.) are all graduating this year, and all are having the best season of their collegiate careers.

Four year veteran Chris Hayes is currently enjoying his best season leading the team scoring parade with a total of 22 goals and 46 assists for 68 points in 28 games to date. Hayes has been captain his last three years and is the heart of the team, unequalled as a leader.

Hayes came to Loyola from the Oshawa Generals of the OMA, where he played left wing on a line with Danny O'Shea and Wayne Cashman. Bobby Orr was another teammate during this era. In his first season at Loyola, Hayes centered a line with wingers Art Thomas and Ricky Dawson, a line which will go down in Loyola hockey annals as the school's best ever. That year, 1967-68, Loyola went to the National finals, with Hayes being chosen All-Canadian.

Hayes finished second in team scoring last year with 27 goals and 48 assists for 85 points in 35 games. He centered Mike Lowe, the team's top scorer and played a big part in the success Lowe enjoyed. Hayes has been a first team OSLAA All-Star the past two years, last year being the only unanimous choice. Still on Boston Bruins' reserve list, Hayes is expected to turn professional after the current college season. Married with one child, Chris will be graduating with a B.A. Honours Economics degree.

Bill Doyle is another four year veteran who has anchored one of the best defences in college hockey. An OSLAA All-Star every year in the league, Doyle was an All-Canadian in 1968 and attended Montreal Canadians training camp the following year. This year Doyle returned for another year at Loyola after a successful training camp with the California Golden Seals.

A product of the Eastern Townships Junior "B" Hockey League, where he played for three seasons prior to coming to Loyola, Doyle has to be rated right alongside George Lackenbauer and Mike Cullen as one of the finest rear guards developed at Loyola. A two-degree graduate, B. Comm. and B.A., Bill expects to enroll in Law School in September.

Three year veteran John Hutton this year has developed into one of the finest centres in college hockey, bar none. Always known for his speed, Hutton has become an ace forechecker and penalty killer, to the point that the Vancouver Canucks have placed him on their negotiation list. So far this year, Hutton has accumulated 23 goals and 21 assists for 44 points in 31 games, including three shorthanded tallies. Son of a famous sportsman Lenny Hutton, who played on the 1931 Grey Cup champion Montreal Winged Wheelers, John is another two-degree man, B. Comm, and B.A., and expects to give pro-hockey a stab next year.

The fourth departing senior is Mike Thomassin, a plugger who is the best student on the team. An 83% student over four years of a B.Sc. course, Mike came back this year for a make-up year for grad school, and is the third two-degree man on the team. Although various pro organizations have shown keen interest in him, Thomassin's eyes are firmly set on medical school, which he plans to attend in September.